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nucleic acids, proteins, and processes for producing proteins such as fusion proteins for the secretion of a protein of interest into bacterial supernatants

the specification of which was filed on **February 19, 2002 as United States Patent Application.**

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above.

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Prior Foreign Application(s) for which Priority is Claimed:

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